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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 27 May 2004.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference

c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 10.

Identification of prior art discussed: Morey (5,005,620), Hilgarth (5,836,528).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the "substantially solid surface of Applicants tapered cutting drum and the use of pockets to hold the chips, the bellyband to direct the chipped wood to the mulit-sided transition and exit via acceleration. Applicant believes, Morey to disclose pockets but no tapered drum and Hilgarth to disclose a tapered drum that is not substantially solid and does not teache pockets, but teaches through holes thru which chips exist.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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